

Psalm 085 - The Future Restoration of Israel

Certain critics have attempted to identify this psalm with the return of the people to the land under Ezra and Nehemiah. Actually it has no reference to that at all. The reason critics do this is because they do not recognize the fact that the Psalms are prophetic.

Psalm 85

[To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.]

Future Restoration of Israel

- 1 LORD, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 1 O LORD, You showed favor to Your land; You restored the captivity of Jacob.
- 1 LORD you have favored your land and restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 1 LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

- 2 You forgave the guilt of Your people; You covered all their sin. *Selah*
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. *Selah*.
- 2 You took away the iniquity of your people, forgiving all their sins
- 2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. *Selah*.
 - Many critics assume that this verse refers to the return of the Jews to their land from the Babylonian captivity, but in reality only a small remnant returned to the land at that time (less than 60,000)
 - Rather, it looks forward to the kingdom age when God brings all of His people back into the land (Is 11:11)

- 3 You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.
- 3 You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.
- 3 You withdrew all your wrath and turned away from your burning anger.
- 3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.
 - This looks forward to the time when the judgments are over for Israel
 - The worst time for this nation and the world is still future

4 Restore us, God of our salvation, And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.
4 Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.
4 Restore us, God of our salvation, and stop being angry with us.
4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger from generation to generation?
5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Will You not revive us again, So that Your people may rejoice in You?
6 Will You not Yourself revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?
6 Will you restore our lives again so that your people may rejoice in you?
6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- Today we need revival in our churches for several reasons. One reason is there is a lack of joy in the lives of believers. It should be there, but it is not.

7 Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation.
7 Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD, And grant us Your salvation.
7 LORD, show your gracious love and deliver us.
7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will say; For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; And may they not turn back to foolishness.
8 I will hear what God the LORD will say; For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; But let them not turn back to folly.
8 Let me listen to what God, the LORD, says; for the LORD will promise peace to his people, to his holy ones; may they not return to foolishness.
8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Certainly His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.

9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land.
9 Surely, he will soon deliver those who fear him, for his glory will live in our land.
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Graciousness and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

10 Lovingkindness and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

10 Gracious love and truth meet; righteousness and peace kiss.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth sprouts from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven.

11 Truth springs from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven.

11 Truth sprouts up from the ground, while righteousness looks down from the sky.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Indeed, the LORD will give what is good, And our land will yield its produce.

12 Indeed, the LORD will give what is good, And our land will yield its produce.

12 The LORD will also provide what is good, and our land will yield its produce.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness will go before Him And will make His footsteps into a way.

13 Righteousness will go before Him And will make His footsteps into a way.

13 Righteousness will go before him to prepare a path for his steps.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.